

philanthropist. His many contributions to Southern Nevada's development and quality of life are truly remarkable and will be felt by Nevadans all across the State for years to come.

Prior to his tenure at Cox Communications, Steve established a strong reputation as a journalist, earning multiple Emmy Awards, two National Freedom Foundation Awards and an Armstrong Award for Broadcasting. He was also inducted into the inaugural class of the Nevada Broadcasters Association's Hall of Fame. During his time as vice president of public and government affairs for Cox Communications, Steve has been a tireless advocate for community development and economic growth. As a business executive, he has contributed to the expansion of his company, working closely with local, State and Federal Governments on issues that were critical to Nevada's private sector.

In addition to his commitment to excellence in broadcasting and in business, Steve has consistently exemplified the very highest standards of community service. He has devoted his time to improving education in Nevada, as an adjunct professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Greenspun School of Communications. Steve Schorr Elementary School in Las Vegas is named in his honor. In addition, he has been honored with the U.S. Department of Justice J. Pat Finley Lifetime Achievement Award for his work on behalf of missing children in Southern Nevada. He also devotes his time as a member of numerous civic boards and organizations, and has received the Governor's "Point of Light" Award for his exceptional volunteerism.

I want to acknowledge and thank Steve for his many years of dedicated service to Nevada as an educator, journalist, business executive and philanthropist. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Steve on his retirement, and in wishing him many successful and fulfilling years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and two withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2609. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2642. An act to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2289. An act to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1292. A bill to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2609. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2642. An act to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2255. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for the South Atlantic Lesser Amberjack, Almaco Jack, and Banded Rudderfish Complex" (RIN0648-XC714) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2256. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions Nos. 4 and 5" (RIN0648-XC705) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2257. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack" (RIN0648-XC702) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2258. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC722) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2259. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC724) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2260. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2013 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish" (RIN0648-XC671) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2261. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment 4 to the Corals and Reef Associated Plants and Invertebrates Fishery Management Plan of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; Seagrass Management" (RIN0648-BC38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2262. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment 94 to the Gulf of Alaska Fishery Management Plan and Regulatory Amendments for Community Quota Entities" (RIN0648-BB94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2263. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Adjusted Closure of the 2013 Gulf of Mexico Recreational Sector for Red Snapper" (RIN0648-XC715) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2264. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 9" (RIN0648-BC58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2265. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Framework Adjustment 50 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and Sector Annual Catch Entitlements; Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and the Common Pool for Fishing Year 2013" (RIN0648-BC97) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2266. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions, Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 48; Final Rule; Correction" (RIN0648-BC27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2267. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program" (RIN0648-BC25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2268. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XC392) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2269. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inadmissibility of Consumer Products and Industrial Equipment Non-compliant with Applicable Energy Conservation or Labeling Standards" (RIN1515-AD82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2270. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition Relief for Employees and Related Individuals Eligible to Enroll in Eligible Employer-Sponsored Health Plans for Non-Calendar Plan Years that Begin in 2013 and End in 2014" (Notice 2013-42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2271. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Wash Sale Rules to Money Market Fund Shares" (Notice 2013-48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2272. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Deferred Discharge of Indebtedness Income of Corporations and Deferred Original Issue Discount Deductions" ((RIN1545-BI96) (TD 9622)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2273. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 108(i) to Partnerships and S Corporations" ((RIN1545-BI99) (TD 9623)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2274. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2275. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lacey Act Implementation Plan; Definitions for Exempt and Regulated Articles" ((RIN0579-AD11) (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0018)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1297. A bill to establish the Government Transformation Commission to review and make recommendations regarding cost control in the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1298. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the limits on expensing of certain depreciable business assets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 1299. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of vehicles on certain Wisconsin highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1300. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1301. A bill to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1302. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for

cooperative and small employer charity pension plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1303. A bill to amend certain appropriations Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1304. A bill to promote strategic sourcing principles within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1305. A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1306. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1307. A bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS:

S. 1308. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (by request):

S. 1309. A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. HELLER, Mr. VITTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1310. A bill to require Senate confirmation of Inspector General of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 196. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr.